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Gender and the Australian Parliament

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This project brings a new dimension to the study of gender and politics by challenging the male hegemony of parliamentary power. It focuses on the way the practices and processes of Australia's national parliament are shaped by gender, and exposes male politicians as gendered beings revealing the consequence that has for both men and women. This study draws on data from male and female politicians and examines the extent to which these practices impact on women's ability to enter and participate in national political life. It finds that the Australian sphere of parliament remains an environment infused with masculinity and moves the debate from one where women are problematised as a group to one where masculinities are exposed, and embedded practices and behaviours are held up to question.